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FOR SONNENFELDT

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (FORD, GERALD F.)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

REF: STATE 168230

1. COMMUNICATED TO MINIC PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL VISIT AUGUST 3 APPROXIMATELY 3 PM THROUGH AUGUST 4 APPROXIMATELY 3 PM. EXPLAINED REASON FOR BREVITY OF VISIT IN TERMS OF NECESSITY FOR PRESIDENT TO BE BACK IN WASHINGTON FOR PREARRANGED JAPANESE VISIT.

2. MINIC EXPRESSED SOME DISAPPOINTMENT VISIT THAT SHORT BUT INDICATED THAT FOREIGN SECRETARIAT AND EMBASSY SHOULD WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE VISIT MOST PRODUCTIVE. HE DID SAY IT IS GOOD THAT VISIT IS BEING REALIZED ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE BETTER IF ONE TO TWO DAYS LONGER, AND EXPRESSED VIEW IT IS OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE. MINIC INDICATED THAT WE WOULD HAVE REQUESTED TWO SENTENCES TOMORROW FOR SIMULTANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENT AND IMPLIED THAT YUGOSLAVS WILL ADD TO TWO SENTENCES IN THEIR ANNOUNCEMENT. HE SAID DRAFT PROGRAM WOULD BE READY IN TWO TO THREE DAYS. MINIC ASKED IF PRESIDENT HAD ANY PARTICULAR INTERESTS THAT PRESIDENT TITO SHOULD BE APPRISED OF FOR PURPOSES OF PLANNING.

3. OWE YOU ONE HELL* THAT(S WHAT AMBASSADORS ARE FOR. BUT I PROMISE COMPLETE PROTECTION FOR YOU WHILE YOU ARE IN
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YUGOSLAVIA. CONGRATULATIONS ON THE PROMOTION.

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